FRISCO



Celebrating Independence

I hope you will join me and my family as we celebrate our independence at Frisco Freedom Fest on Saturday, July 2. If you have never attended the festival. you and your family are in for a treat!



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

Look through this issue for details on where to park and what to do once you get here. To all of you who have volunteered to help, thank you! Frisco is built with the support and help of our residents and this is vet another example of our community coming together.

As I write this article, I am at the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting. This is an

opportunity for Frisco to work with other cities, both large and small, in efforts that help our residents. There are many common issues mayors throughout our country agree on, such as unfunded mandates. Unfunded mandates are those laws and regulations passed by Congress and imposed on taxpayers, who are left to pay for them through local taxes. This is a common practice both at the state and federal levels where those governmental bodies take credit for not raising taxes yet put the burden on local governments to add local fees and taxes to pay for such mandates. Our city council works hard to represent you at all levels to stop unfunded mandates. As part of our legislative agenda, we're committed to monitoring and taking action against legislation proposing additional tax burdens on our resi-

Another key focus area for mayors throughout our country is job creation and growth. In Frisco, we have been very successful at creating new jobs. I believe in 'local control' to allow us to continue creating jobs for our residents and we must always be on the lookout for laws that impact our ability to do so. Job creation is one of our council's top priorities for our

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Paint the town Red White and Blue for **Frisco Freedom** Fest, July 2

The Street Beats Group showcased at fun-filled festival

Paint the town Red - White and Blue! Celebrate America's birthday by joining us for Frisco Freedom Fest on Saturday, July 2.

Family fun gets underway at 4 p.m. with our 'Party in the Plaza',

located in front of Frisco City Hall in the heart of Frisco Square, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. Admission to 'Party in the Plaza' is free.

This patriotic party features entertainment on a Community Stage, a Taste of Frisco, and a Children's Expo including bungee jumps, bounce houses, a mini train ride and rock climbing wall. Tickets are required for games and amuse-



Check out the Hometown Hero Exhibit where you'll meet the men and women of our Frisco Police and Fire Departments and

get a close up look at squad cars, fire engines and city's new Crime Scene Investigation vehicle.

This year, Frisco is hosting

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City accepting applications for boards and commissions vacancies; Deadline is August 1, 2011 at 5 p.m.

The City of Frisco is now accepting applications from residents interested in volunteering to serve on city boards and commissions. The positions on boards and commissions are appointed by city council members from the individuals who submit applica-

Applicants must have lived in the City of Frisco for at least one year prior to applying and must be a qualified, registered voter. Term dates begin October 1, 2011, and regular attendance is expected.

Applications may be down-HYPERLINK at "http://www.friscotexas.gov/" FriscoTexas.gov/boards and can also be picked up between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Office of the City Secretary, located on the 5th floor of City Hall at 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

The following are the current openings on city boards and commissions. All terms are for two vears unless indicated otherwise.

Board of Adjustment (BOA)/Construction **Board of Appeals**

 Three vacancies Two regular members One alternate member

Community Development Corporation (CDC)

• Four vacancies

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)

• Five vacancies -Hotel representative -Retail representative -Downtown/Frisco Square representative

-Chamber representative -Ex-officio

Downtown Advisory Board (DAB)

- Four vacancies -Two at-large
- -Two business or property owner

Frisco Economic **Development Corporation** (FEDC)

Three vacancies

Frisco Housing **Authority Board (FHAB)**

 Four vacancies -Three at large -One tenant

Housing Trust Fund Board (HTFB)

Two vacancies

Parks & Recreation Board (PRB)

Four vacancies

Planning & Zoning Commission (three-year term)

• Two vacancies

Public Art Board (PAB)

• Two vacancies

Urban Forestry Board (UFB)

Three vacancies

Applications will be accepted beginning July 01, 2011 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The deadline for filing is August 01. 2011 at 5 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted. Call the City Secretary's Office at 972-292-5020. or email citysecretary@friscotexas.gov for additional information.



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July city council meeting dates moved, canceled

The regularly scheduled Frisco City Council meeting that would fall on Tuesday, July 5 has been moved to Friday, July 1. The council meeting on July 1 will be held in the morning instead of the evening. Public session begins at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting that would have fallen on July 19 has been canceled and will not be rescheduled.

Live city council meetings stream online. From **Frisco Texas.gov/FTVN**, you can select 'city council meetings'. Then look for the council meeting date and

click on 'video'.

City council meetings also air live on the Frisco Television Network on Time Warner HD cable channel 16, Grande Communications cable channel 12, AT & T Uverse channel 99 and Verizon Fios channel 37.

The recorded meetings are broadcast during the week on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Frisco City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

HAVE A QUESTION?

Find answers about city info fast, at FriscoTexas.gov!

Looking for detailed information about a City of Frisco service,
program or event?

Check out **FriscoTexas.gov**, your complete guide to the city government. Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco news to your email address. Go to the home page and click on 'E-News' to subscribe. Watch the Frisco Television Network (FTVN) live, 24-hours a day -- including Frisco City Council meetings -- online. Go to **FriscoTexas.gov/ftvn**.



GET SOCIAL WITH YOUR CITY GOV'T

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Twitter.com/CityofFriscoTX

FRISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT: Twiter.com/FriscoPD
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: Twiter.com/VisitFrisco
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Twitter.com/FriscoTXEDC
FRISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY: Twitter.com/FriscoLibrary
FRISCO GREEN LIVING: Twitter.com/FriscoGreenLiving

Check out the latest videos from the Frisco Television Network on YouTube: FriscoTexas.gov/YouTube



MAYOR

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city and we will continue to work with our state and federal officials to protect our ability to create new jobs in Frisco. Texas has added more than 37% of the jobs created nationally over the last two years and Frisco has been one of the areas in Texas experiencing tremendous job growth.

During the meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, I had the opportunity to hear from federal administration officials regarding transportation, housing, utilities, economic development and trade. During this interaction. I am always on the lookout for new tools for Frisco to use to continue our successes. I also take the opportunity to share with federal officials Frisco's challenges and how federal policy can be changed for the better. For example, all of us pay a gas tax – of which a good portion never makes it back to the local economy for roads. We have asked administration officials as well as Congress to guit diverting vour tax dollars to other uses. The nation's highway system is deteriorating at a rapid pace. I believe the problem is not a lack of revenue to maintain it, but the diversion of that revenue to other causes. In Texas alone, your gas tax dollars go to uses such as the Department of Public Safety, Medical Trans-Medicaid Match, Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Workforce Commission, State Office of Administrative Hearings and the list goes on. At one point, only 60% of the federal gas tax was used for highway and bridge construction and 40% went to earmarked non-transportation fund-

At the U.S. Conference of Mayors, I serve with other mayors on the transportation communication and international affairs committees. Part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors is the engagement of the business council in our nation's cities. That involvement includes awarding grants for sustainable cities, investing in the environment, as well as engaging our youth. I am always on the lookout for grants for Frisco that improve our quality of life yet do not place a financial burden on our cities. I will continue to engage state and federal officials to find new ways to ensure Frisco continour successful, sustainable growth, creates a safe community and provides the best quality of life.

On another subject, I recently went to Austin to attend the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) hearing on Exide Technologies, which is a battery recycling plant located south of downtown Frisco. At stake was the approval of the 'agreed order' between Exide and the TCEQ that was brokered by State Senator Florence Shapiro. The 'agreed order' that was approved includes a plan to reduce emissions and would be enforced by the regulatory agencies. These emissions reductions, plant improvements and processes will be monitored by the TCEQ and are legally enforceable.

The proposed order can be viewed on the TCEQ site and additional information on this issue can be found on the City of Frisco website at HYPER-LINK "http://www.friscotexas.gov" www.friscotexas.gov (Look for 'Exide Technologies Information' under 'Communication') Public comments on the 'agreed order' are being accepted by the TCEQ and future public hearings are scheduled. I encourage our citizens to monitor the City of Frisco website for additional information and future meeting dates.

In closing, the council receives numerous questions about all the construction going on in Frisco. As one of the fastest growing cities in the country, construction projects seem to be all around us. Road construction and improvement projects can be viewed on the city web site under departments/engineering. Please consider joining the city e-mail list serv system to get up-to-the-minute updates on closures. The major construction projects taking place impacting our residents include the Dallas North Tollway (DNT)/Sam Rayburn Tollway interchange and the reconstruction of the Legacy-Lebanon interchange. Other major construction projects underway, or soon to be underway, include F.M. 423, Preston Road north of Main Street, Main Street between Preston and Custer, Stonebrook Parkway west of the DNT, to name a few. .

On the southeast corner of DNT and Main Street, the cranes you see are part of the Forest Park hospital scheduled to open in 2012. At the southeast corner of DNT/Eldorado Parkway, a Costco is under construction and scheduled to open in September. Aside from these two commercial construction projects, numerous other projects are in planning stages along with several large residential developments. Please continue to monitor the city communication systems for additional information because, after all, the city's slogan is "Progress in Motion".

I am honored to be your Mayor and I look forward to continuing our quality of life initiatives. Until next time.

Maher Maso

FRISCO

Citizen's Fire Academy program graduates latest class; next opportunity to participate in fall



CFA students dress in bunker gear and experience what it is like to walk through the city's "Burn House" facility. It's the same building all Frisco firefighters use while they train to rescue citizens from burning buildings.

From the classroom to the burn house, the latest graduates of the Citizen's Fire Academy learned a lot about what it is like to walk in a firefighter's boots.

Citizen's Fire

Academy (CFA)

demonstrates how first responders' jobs go way beyond putting out fires. Firefighters also respond to medical emergencies, contain HAZMAT situations manage the city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), to name a few of the tasks they tackle



Citizen Fire Academy class no. 27 graduates -- May 2011

Back Row (left to right): Firefighter Josh Skertich, Jason Sevcik, Jerry Carter, Angela Strahl, Donald Johnson, Jenny Dowdy, Robert Williams, Dale Schaub, Battalion Chief Shannon Brinton. Front Row (left to right): Mayor Maher Maso, Deborah Lee, Malori Fuchs, Violeta Brownstead, Barbara Campbell, Becky Poole, Suzanne Morgan, Judy Equez, Leslie Girdner, Chief Mack Borchardt. Not Shown: Charles Armstrong, Kevin Dodge, Wayne Tang

on any given day.

CFA is a free program through the Frisco Fire Department. Look for information online at FriscoFire.com about registration for CFA Class No. 28, happening this fall. CFA classes will meet Thursday nights for nine weeks from September 15 through November 10. The program is open to anyone living or working within Frisco's city limits.



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Lone Star Storytelling Festival looking for local talent

Have you ever been told that you are a "born storyteller?" Now you have the chance to showcase your skills. Frisco Public Library staff soon will be reviewing audition materials from those ages 19 and older looking for potential rising stars to take the stage at the 8th Annual Lone Star Storytelling Festival on October 15.

No experience is necessary. "Some of the usual suspects might be those who have already taken the open mike opportunity at storytelling festivals, or are always called on to emcee whenever there's a special event or the opportunity to 'roast' a colleague," said Rebecca Belknap, Adult Services Manager at Frisco Public Library.

Audition forms are accepted through August 31, 2011. YouTube URL's and DVD recordings are both accepted formats for auditions and must be no longer than five minutes.

For full details and audition forms, go to FriscoLibrary.com, or go to the library's first or fourth floor reference desk. For more information contact Rebecca Belknap, rbelknap@friscotexas.gov, 972-292-5669.

HOMETOWN HAPPFNINGS

July 1

City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 10:30 a.m. (closed session), 11:30 a.m. (public session)

July 11

Public Art Board, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5th Floor Conference Rm, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

July 5

Downtown Advisory Board Meeting, 5th Floor Conference Rm, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 12:00 p.m.

July 12

Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

July 13

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12:00 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

July 14

■ Parks Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

July 19

- City Council Meeting CANCELED
- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.

July 20

Economic Development Corporation Board
Meeting, 6801 Gaylord Pkwy., Ste. 400, 6:00 p.m.

July 21

- Arts of Collin County Meeting, (ACC), City of Allen, 4:00 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

July 25

Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Dept., 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy., 7:00 p.m.

July 26

Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

July 27

Board of Adjustments Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

July 28

- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library 3rd Floor, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. 6:45 p.m.
- N. Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, TX, 4:00 p.m.



Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate

1 - Coit Road (Main Street to Eldorado Parkway)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a four-lane divided, concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. Design is 60 percent complete. Construction Begin: 4/2/2012

2 - Custer Road [FM 2478] (Stonebridge to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete divided roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, and signals. Contractor is constructing the southbound Wilson Creek Bridge, installing stormwater infrastructure, and grading the southbound lanes. Construction End: 2/1/2012

3 - CR 710 [Sanctuary Drive] (Peaceful Lane to Rogers Road)

Scope: Replace the existing two lane asphalt/gravel roadway with a two lane concrete roadway from Peaceful Lane to Rogers Road. 60 percent plans submitted by engineer. Construction Begin: 7/22/2011

4 - Eldorado Parkway (Preston Road to Custer Road)

Scope: Widen the existing four-lane divided, concrete roadway to a six-lane divided roadway from Preston Road to Hillcrest Road and from Fragrant Drive to Custer Road and widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a six-lane divided, concrete roadway from Hillcrest Road to Fragrant Drive. Project includes paving, drainage, sidewalks and signals. Design is 60 percent complete. Construction Begin: 1/2/2012

5 - Eubanks Street (Fifth Street/[Parkwood] to BNSF RR)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a two-lane concrete roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. Construction is complete. Contractor is completing punch list items.

6 - FM 423 [Middle] (Stewart Creek to Eldorado Parkway) Scope: Replace the existing

two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete, divided roadway. Project includes paving and drainage. Contractor. Austin Bridge & Road, is installing stormwater infrastructure and stabilizing subgrade for southbound lanes. Construction End: 9/4/2012

7 - FM 423 [North] (Eldorado Parkway to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, signals and lighting. Final design plans are anticipated to be submitted to TXDOT in summer 2011. TXDOT has begun right of way acquisition. Construction Begin: 1/2/2012

8 - Independence Parkway (Main Street to northern city limits)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided, concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Right-of-way acquisition is ongoing. Bids will be opened for the project June 16. Construction Begin: 8/1/2011

9 - Lebanon/DNT Intersection (Starwood Drive to 1,100 feet east of DNT)

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA/Dallas North Tollway bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the eastbound and westbound approaches to the tollway. Design is approximately 95 percent complete. Construction Begin: 7/14/2011

10 - Legacy Road (Warren Parkway to Lebanon Road)

Scope: Widen the existing four-lane divided concrete roadway to a six-lane divided concrete roadway and reconstruct intersection at Lebanon Road. Contractor is currently working on the last of four intersection quadrants. Each quadrant is expected to take four-to-six weeks to complete. Construction End: 8/27/2011

11 - Main Street (FM 3537) (Preston Road to Custer Road)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is complete. Right-ofway acquisition is ongoing. Construction Begin: 3/5/2012

12 - Miscellaneous Pavement Rehab (Meadow Creek & Gravhawk)

Scope: Street pavement removal and replacement for Talley Lane and west end of Shadybrook in Meadow Creek and Polo Heights Drive in Gravhawk from Spirit Falls Drive west. Construction is expected to begin in July 2011.

13 - NTTA - SH 121(SRT)/DNT Interchange

Scope: NTTA construction of direct connectors to existing three level interchange at Dallas North Tollway and Sam Rayburn Tollway. NTTA contractor is hanging bridge beams and has begun pouring bridge slabs. Construction 1/31/2012

14 - Preston Road [SH 289] (Main Street to US 380)

Scope: Replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane divided, concrete Project includes paving and drainage. Paving of northbound lanes from Main Street to north of Eldorado is ongoing. Construction End: 2/1/2012

15 - Rockhill Road (CR 26 to Dallas Parkway)

Scope: Construct a new sixlane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is 60 percent complete. Easement acquisition process has begun. Construction Begin: not sched-

16 - Rockhill Road (Dallas

Parkway to Preston Road) Scope: Construct a new sixlane divided concrete roadway including a bridge over the BNSF Railroad. Project includes paving, drainage, water, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Design is 60 percent complete. Easement acquisition process has begun. Construction Begin: not scheduled

17 - Rolater Road (Independence Parkway to Custer Road)

Scope: Widen the existing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided concrete roadway. Project includes paving, drainage, bridge, sidewalks, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Traffic was switched to the northbound side of Rolater on 4/22/2011 so Sinacola can finish the box culvert and pavement repair on the eastbound lanes. Construction End: 10/31/2011

18 - Stonebrook Parkway (FM 423

to 4th Army Memorial Drive) Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided concrete roadway from FM 423 to Teel

Parkway, and widen the exist-

ing two-lane concrete roadway to a four-lane divided, concrete roadway from Teel Parkway to 4th Army Memorial Drive. Project includes paving, drainage, wastewater, signals, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Streetlights and traffic signal work is complete. Landscape work is in progress. Construction End: 7/29/2011

19 - Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy Drive to Fighting Eagles)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided, concrete roadway including a bridge over Stewart Creek. Project includes paving, drainage, water, wastewater, signals, sidewalk, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Project is 50% complete. Construction End: 11/4/2011

20 - Stonebrook Pkwv.(Fighting Eagles to Longhorn Trail)

Scope: Construct a new four-lane divided concrete roadway including a bridge under includes paving, drainage,

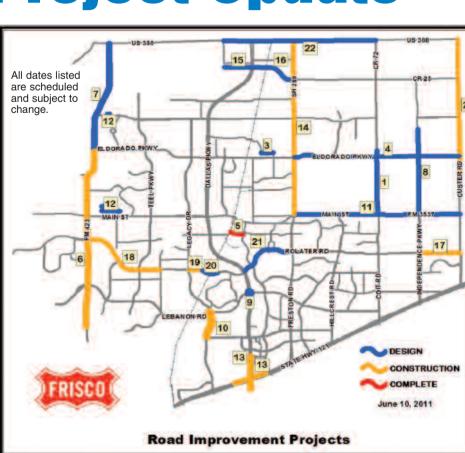
water, wastewater, sidewalk, lighting, landscaping and irrigation. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Permit has been submitted. BNSF railroad agreement package submitted to BNSF for their review. Plans have been submitted for city review Construction Begin: 1/16/2012

21 - Stonebrook Pkwy (Dallas Pkwy. to SH 289 [Preston Road])

Scope: Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct westbound lanes to widen roadway to six lanes. Design is complete. Bids are expected to be opened for the project in July 2011. Construction Begin: 8/1/2011

22 - US 380 (CR 26 to Coit Road)

Scope: Widen the existing five-lane roadway to a freeway section including frontage roads and grade separated intersections at Dallas North Tollway and Preston Road. Conceptual design is 95 percent the BNSF Railroad. Project complete. Construction Begin: not scheduled



REE FEST PARKING



FRISCO FREEDOM FEST 2010

Some of last year's performers who took the stage will make a return appearance at this year's 2011 Frisco Freedom Fest





Above, left: Rapper Cutta C returns to the Freedom Fest Community Stage.

Above, **middle**: School of Rock headlines the Community Stage and sponsors the stage for the third year in a row. **Above**, **right**: Taylor Goldman will entertain crowds with her 'pop' tunes once again this year.

The Street Beats Group showcased at fun-filled festival



Community Stage Schedule

Welcome & 3:45 p.m. National Anthem

Morgan Taylor 4:05 p.m.

Maya Canton 4:10 p.m.

Kaitlin Lindley 4:15 p.m.

Taylor Goldman 4:20 p.m.

Debbie Spearman 4:25 p.m.

Imaj 4:30 p.m.

Kurt Thomas 4:50 p.m. Rhythmic Gymnastics

Madison RaeAnn 5:00 p.m.

School of Rock 101 5:10 p.m.

Aces & Angels 5:30 p.m.

Fancy Fingers 5:50 p.m.

U4ix 6:00 p.m.

Samantha Lee 6:20 p.m.

The Saints 6:30 p.m.

Texas Independent 6:50 p.m. Winter Guard

Cutta C 7:00 p.m.

Lost in the Music 7:20 p.m.

Haleigh Pickett 7:30 p.m.

Iron Horse Express 7:40 p.m.

Philipalooza 8:05 p.m.

Wheels Off 8:45 p.m.

School of Rock Band 9:20 p.m.





Safety Palooza, Battle of the Badges Blood Drive to kickoff National Night Out



Members of the Frisco Police Motors Unit demonstrate their motorcycle skills.

NNO Citywide block parties to be held Tuesday, August 2

Get tips to protect your family and home while having a day of family fun! The Frisco Police Department is hosting its second annual Safety Palooza on Saturday, July 23 to kick-off National Night Out. The free festivities will be held at the Frisco Police Department, 7200 Stonebrook Parkway,

"Last year we had a tremendous turnout, and this year we are looking for an even better response from the community this year. It's a great way to kickoff National Night Out," said Sgt. Adam Henderson, Frisco Police.

Meet the men and women of the Frisco Police and Fire Departments as they show-and-tell about their 'tools of the trade.' Frisco Police will give residents a close up look at its new, Armored Rescue Vehicle as well as the Crime Scene Investigation vehicle. See the department's Motors Unit demonstrate their competitive motorcycle skills.

Do you have a safety plan for your family? Dispatchers with the Frisco Police Department's Communications Division will Frisco dispatchers help children practice their 911 skils.

be providing useful information to get you started. Kids can practice their 911 emergency calls, and children's fingerprint identification kits will be available at no cost.

Get a close up look at a Frisco Fire Department engine, ambulance and fire truck. Get information about Frisco Fire Safety Town and meet the town's resident clowns, Smokey, Skwert, Siren and newest member, Red.

You'll also meet Sparkie and McGruff the Crime Dog.

Help our neighbors in need and participate in this friendly rivalry by donating blood at the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. The blood drive will be held July 14-16, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. at different locations each day.

- July 14 Frisco Police Department and Frisco City Hall
 - July 15 Central Fire Station
 - July 16 Frisco Fire Station 6

It's never too early to start planning your neighborhood block party for National Night Out, which will be held Tuesday, August 2. No need to wait. You can register online by going to www.friscotexas.gov/NNO

NNO block parties are a great way to meet your neighbors and get information about Neighborhood Watch.

Every year, members of the Frisco City Council, as well Frisco police officers and fire-fighters visit registered block parties. It's also a great way to learn about ways you can become the 'extra eyes and ears' in your area and help keep your neighborhood safe. For more information, contact the Frisco Police Department's Community Services Division at 972-292-6145 or Services@FriscoTexas.gov





Calling all Frisco foodies! Taste of Frisco offers something to satisfy everyone's taste. The menus are as diverse as our community. This year, 13 concessionaires and eateries are serving delicious fare from all over the world. We've got it all – from traditional hamburgers and hot dogs, cotton candy and all kinds of ice cream...to international flavors including jambalaya, bread pudding, plus pizza and tacos. Prices for food items range from \$2 - \$6. There's something guaranteed to please every palette!

Thirsty? Go to the large drink tent located in the center of the Plaza, near the fountain. Coca Cola products (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Dasani water) are available for \$2 per bottle.

- Be Our Guest Catering
- Brain Freeze
- Chili's
- Dippin Dots
- Firehouse Café and Concessions
- Freddy's Frozen Custard
- Irish Rover Pub
- Mattito's
- Mexi Go
- Pizza Hut
- Posados
- Scallywags Refreshments
- Snowball Express





It's the coolest ticket in town - literally. More than 460 people turned up at the Frisco Athletic Center (FAC) on Friday night, June 24 for the 'Dive-In Movie', featuring 'Despicable Me'. Moviegoers got to take in the show while sitting poolside or submerged in the cool waters of the Outdoor Aquatics Center at the FAC. The next 'Dive In Movie' is Friday, July 29 and will feature 'How to Train Your Dragon'. Gates open at 8 p.m. Movie starts at dusk. Tickets are \$5 each. Children under two are free but they must have a ticket. All specialty water features will be operating until the movie starts.

This summer splash bash is one you won't want to miss. Tickets are limited! For more information, call 972-292-6600 or check out www.friscofun.org







City of Frisco July 4th Holiday Hours

In observance of the 4th of July holiday, the City of Frisco government offices will be closed on Monday, July 4. Regular hours resume Tuesday, July 5. Please see the list below for closings or special hours for other city services.

CITY HALL & OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

July 4 – CLOSED

FRISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 1: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. July 2 to July 4 – CLOSED

FRISCO HERITAGE MUSEUM

July 2: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., July 3: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., July 4 – CLOSED

FRISCO MUNICIPAL COURT

July 4 – CLOSED

FRISCO ATHLETIC CENTER

(open for normal business hours) July 2: 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. July 3: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. July 4: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Outdoor Aquatic Area
July 2: Noon – 7 p.m.; July 3: Noon – 5 p.m.;
July 4: Noon – 7 p.m.

Fun Club Hours

July 2: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; July 3: closed;

July 4: 8 a.m. – noon

The Zone

July 2: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; July 3: 11:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.; July 4: 8 a.m. – noon

Go online to FriscoFun.org/fac for indoor pool hours and modified group exercise schedule.

SENIOR CENTER AT FRISCO SQUARE

July 2: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. July 3 & 4 – CLOSED

TRASH COLLECTION – CURBSIDE RECYCLING

No residential trash or recycling services are provided on Monday, July 4. Due to the holiday, residential trash and recycling services are delayed one day this week. Monday service moves to Tuesday, July 5; Tuesday to Wednesday, July 6; Wednesday to Thursday, July 7; Thursday to Friday, July 8; and Friday to Saturday, July 9.

ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTION CENTER

The Environmental Collection Center will be CLOSED on Saturday, July 2 - Monday, July 4. For more information contact Environmental Services 972-292-5900.







Fest



Kurt Thomas Rhythmic Gymnastics

entertainers from New York who will make some unusual noise and memorable music to celebrate Independence Day!

The Street Beats Group is a New York City-based dance and percussion troupe delivering the excitement and energy of Off-Broadway hits like "Bring In Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk" and "Stomp". These high energy performers make music using everyday objects such as buckets, brooms, briefcases and trash cans. Three members of the troupe trekked to Texas for Frisco Freedom Fest. 'Street Beats' guarantees a memorable musical experience. Check out performances every half hour beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the corner of Coleman Blvd. /Frisco Square Blvd.

At 8 p.m., check out Pizza Hut Park where our hometown 'Hoops' FC Dallas take on Columbus Crew during a professional soccer match. Individual tickets start at \$18 while supplies last. For more information, go to www.fcdallas.com

The skies over Frisco will light up like a kaleidoscope of color when the City of Frisco and Pizza Hut Park partner to bring you one of the largest fireworks shows in North Texas! The fireworks extravaganza rivals any in our area.

Check out pages 5 and 6 of Focal Point for more on this year's Frisco Freedom Fest or go online at FriscoFreedom Fest.org.

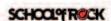




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